WAS THERE A WAY TO BEAT THE LOTTERY?

There was a shrewd suspicion to-day that some of the members-and those were not all old members either-had discovered a way "to beat' the lottery game, and thereby secured choice seats which they might not have obtained otherwise. The usual privilege of selecting their seats in advance of the other members was granted to ex-Speaker Reed and the two Representatives who have served in at least fourteen Congresses-Messrs. Q'Neill, of Pennsylvania, and Holman, of Mr. Reed chose the seat which was Indiana. occupied by General Garfield for many years; Mr. O'Neill took the one directly in front of it, where Judge Kelley sat during the sessions of many consecutive Congresses, and Judge Holman selected the one which was occupied for a long time by S. S. Cox. The first man to draw a Wheeler, of Michigan, a new prize was Mr. ember, who chose the seat immediately behind Holman. The second choice was drawn by "Dan" Lockwood, of Buffalo, who planted himself in the seat which was held by Samuel J. Randafi during the last eleven years of his long service in Congress. Colonel Mills's old seat was taken by Mr. Covert, of New-York, who drew the sixth prize, and the Sage of Corsicana obtained a less desirable one, far in the rear, where he had the congenial company of the Breckinridges, Bynum, Williams and Hoar, of Massachusetts, and other friends and admirers.

Henry Cabot Lodge seated himself beside Mr. Reed' at whose other side across the narrow nisle sat burly Bourke Cockran, who sought good company, and placed himself as near as he could to leader of the Republican minority. A num ber of prominent Republicans succeeded in obtaining seats near one another and not far from their leader, among them being Henderson, of fowa, Burrows and O'Donnell, of Michigan, Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Hitt; of Illinois, and several Other prominent members on both sides were driven to "Hobson's choice." Halvarsen, of Minnesota, was the first Alliance man to draw a prize, and he chose one of the best seats in the centre, where he was joined, later, by a majority of the other members of his party in the House, including McKeighan, of Nebraska, and Baker Simpson and Davis, of Kansas. Mr. Davis will make his mark, no doubt. In the autobiographical sketch which he furnished to the compiler of "The Congressional Record," he describes himself as an "able and fearless writer on economic subjects." HOW THE DAY'S WORK BEGAN.

At the hour of noon Clerk McPherson called the House to order and the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read. The Clerk then announced that he was ready to receive any motion. Mr. Holman, of Indiana, moved that the House

proceed to the election of Speaker. Agreed to.
Mr. Holman placed in nomination Charles F.
Crisp, of Georgia.
Mr. Henderson, of Illinois, placed in nomination
Thomas B. Reed. (Applause on the Republican
side.)

Mr. Simpson, of Kansas, placed in nomination Thomas C. Watson, of Georgia. Messrs. Outhwaite, of Ohio, and Henderson, of Illinois; Oates, of Alabama, and Simpson, of

roll was then called with the following: For Crisp, 228; for Reed, 83; for Watson, esses. Mills and Springer were heartily ap-

plauded when, in response to the call of their names, they recorded their votes for Crisp. The Clerk, having announced the result, de-

names, they recorded their votes for Crisp.

The Clerk, having announced the result, declared Mr. Crisp duly elected Speaker, amid applause. The Clerk then appointed Messrs. Mids and Reed as a committee to escort the newly elected Speaker to the chair. In a few moments Mr. Crisp entered, with Mr. Mills and Mr. Reed supporting him on either side, and his march down the aisle was a perfect ovation, the Democrats in mass rising and giving him cheer after cheer, and the Republican members rising also. When quiet had been secured Mr. Crisp said:

Gentiemen of the House of Representatives: For the Gentlemen of the House of Representatives: For the

great honor you have conferred upon me I return I shall endeavor to the duties of the since of Speaker with courtesy, with firmness and with absolute impartiality. (Applause.) Let us unite in the hope that our labors here may result in the advancement of the prosperity, the honer and the glory of our beloved country. (Applause.) I am now ready to take the outh of office.

The oath of office having been administered by Mr. Holman, of Indiana, the Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the preceding House, upon request of Speaker Crisp, offered prayer.

The work of swearing in the members of the Llid Congress then began, the oath of office being administered by Speaker Crisp.

MINOR OFFICERS CHOSEN. Mr. Holman then offered a resolution for the

appointment of Mr. Kerr for Clerk, Mr. Yoder for Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Turner for Doorkeeper, and Mr. Dalton for Postmuster. Mr. Henderson, of Illinois, offered as a substitute

resolution for the appointment of the present officers, with the exception of Chaplain, for which office Charles B. Ramstell was named. Disagreed to, without division.

Mr. Holman's resolution was agreed to with an

amendment offered by Mr. Springer, of Illinois, for the appointment of William H. Milburn as chaplain. The newly-elected officers were then sworn in. On motion of Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, a resolution was adopted, directing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of Speaker and Clerk. On motion of Mr. Blount, of Georgia, a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee members to join a similar committee or the part of the Senate, to inform the President that a quorum of both Houses was assembled and ready to receive any communication he may see

The Speaker appointed Messrs, Blount, Mills The Speaker appointed Messrs. Biount, Mills and Reed as such committee; but subsequently stated that Mr. Mills would be unable to serve, and appointed Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Holman, the Clerk was directed On motion of Mr. Holman, the Clerk was directed to inform the Senate that the House had elected as its Speaker Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, and that a quorum being present, it was now ready for the transaction of business.

On motion of Mr. Springer, a resolution was adopted directing the Speaker to appoint the Committees on Rules, Accounts, Enrolled Bills and Milester to the Committees on Rules, Accounts, Enrolled Bills and Milester to the Committees of the Committee of the Committees of the Committee of the Committees of the Committee of the Committe

age, each to consist of the same number of mem-bers as in the Lth Congress and referring the rules of the Lth Congress to the Committee on

Rules.
On motion of Mr. Holman, it was ordered that the daily hour of meeting of the House should be 12 o'clock. On motion of Mr. Onthwaite, the House then proceeded to the drawing for seats. The House adjourned at 3:20 o'clock.

THE SENATE'S QUIET DAY MESSES. DUBOIS AND CALL TAKE THE OATH, AND THEMR OPPONENTS! CASES

ARE REFERRED. Washington, Dec. 8 .- In the Senate, Immediately after the reading of the journal, the cath of office was

administered to Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, re-elected.

Among the Department and other communications presented and referred was the report of the Superin-tendent of the Census in the matter of the establishment of a permanent Census Eureau, together with the draft of a bill; also the report of the Secretary of the

Senate, showing contingent expenditures.

Mr. Sherman remarked that it had been the custom of the Senate not to proceed with the introduction of bills or such business until after the President's mes

Mr. Hoar expressed the opinion, in which the Vice-President concurred, that the first business was the question of administering the oath of office to Mr. Dubois, of Idaho. Mr. Cullom's motion of yesterday to that effect was put and agreed to; and the oath was accordingly administered to Mr. Dubois. Mr. Hear's similar motion as to Mr. Call, of Florida, was also agreed to; and the oath was administered to Mr.

On further motion of Mr. Hoar the papers in the matter of the credentials of Mr. Davidson (claimant for Mr. Call's seat) were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to investi-

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place until 2:35, when Mr. Kerr, the newly elected clerk of the House appeared and delivered a message announcing that the House was organized and ready to proceed to business; and that it had appointed a committee of three (Messrs, Blount, Brecklaridge, of Commander Jewell attributes this defect to the use of Commander Jewell attributes this defect to the use of Kentucky, and Reed) to join a like committee on the substances which are unstable at all temperatures, and part of the Senate to wait upon the President of the the addition of a constituent which, by evaporation United States.

to give an opportunity to the House Committee to meet is secured by a method of manufacture which gives a the Senate Committee. That course was agreed to. A few minutes before 3 o'clock the House members of the joint committee made their appearance, and being joined by Messrs. Sherman and Harris, proceeded to the White House.

After waiting twenty minutes Mr. Voorhees moved an adjournment, stating that the House had already adjournment, stating that the House had already adjournment till to-morrow.

SPEAKER CRISP'S PROBLEM.

REARRANGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEES. EMBARRASSING CLAIMS OF PROMINENT DEMO-

CRATS-A LIVELY SCRAMBLE FOR CHAIRMANSHIPS.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Of course all sorts of rumors are affoat about committee chairmanships and assignments, and all sorts of wires are being pulled by aspiring and ambitious Representatives to obtain certain desirable places. Among the rumors to-day was one to the effect that Mr. Springer is to be chair man of Ways and Means, but it found few believers. It is generally expected that the chairmanship wil be offered to Colonel Mills, and that if he shall decline it may go to Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, who midoubtedly would have received it if Colonel Mills had been chosen Speaker, although Mr. Bynum was understood to be e candidate for it, with expectations of success. Some of Colonel Mills's friends assert that will decline the chairmanship if it be offered to him, but he will probably think at least twice before doing so, unless the report be true that he intends to ators who are active members of the body-Messrs. resign his seat in the House and become a candidate for the United States Senate. There is no doubt that on account of his defeat for the Speakership; and there is no doubt, either, that he regards the members of his party in the House who refused to support him as lacking in judgment and wisdom, as well as being the vote of his fellow-Senators. Colonel Mills is deeply vexed, as well as disappointed, lacking in judgment and wisdom, as well as being blind ingrates. The doctrine of "tariff reform" is very dear and precious to him, and he doubtless believes that its future success has been imperilled, if not sacrificed, by his defeat.

As to the Appropriations Committee, there is no doubt that Judge Holman expects to be its chairman; and the belief is rather general that his ex- the roll-call to-day, said: "Last fall, in an interview, pectation will be realized, although General Forney, of Alabama, who is the senior Democratic member of ship I would vote for no candidate who would not of Alabama, who is the senior Democratic member of the committee, was one of Judge Crisp's stanchest supporters, while all the other Democratic members espoused the cause of Mills. Judge Holman was chairman of the committee during the second session of the XLIVth Congress, and the height of hiambition is to regain the place which he lost by his failure to be re-elected to the following Congress. Holman believes that, as chairman of the committee, he could cut down the appropriations, if not the necessary cost of the public service, at least \$100,000, 000 for the next fiscal year.

It is believed that Colonel O'Ferrall, of Virginia.

can be chairman of the Committee on Elections, of which he is the senior Democratic member, unless he shall prefer a place an Way and Means or Appropria-There is not much doubt that the latter comonly Republicans who were members of that committee in the last Congress and who were re-elected are Messrs. Henderson, of Iowa; Cogswell, of Massachusetts, and Belden, of New-York. mittee will be thoroughly reorganized, so far, at least, Belden, of New-York.
In making up his list of chairmanships of com

mittees, Speaker Crisp will be considerably embarrassed by the fact that nearly all his most active and in fluential supporters are men of long experience, who field places near the head of the minority of the several committees to which they belonged. O'Ferrall and Outhwaite were second and third on the Committee on Elections: Ontes, of Alabama, was second on Judiciary-Culberson, who had been chairman in the Lth Congress, and who supported Mills for Speaker, being at the head of the minority; Forney, also of Alabama, was at the head of the minority on Appropriations; Herbert of the same State, who had been chairman of Naval Affairs in the preceding Congress was at the head of the minority in the List; Turner, of Georgia, was second on Commerce; Blanchard, of third on Rivers and Harbors; Cummings was first on Merchant Marine, and Haich of Missouri, on Agriculture, of which committee he was chairman in the Mr. Sherman had concurred in this wish with entire XLIXth and Lth Congresses; Whoeler, of Alabama, was promptness and cordiality. second on Military Affairs; Blount, first on Postoffices and Postroads; Holman was first on Public Lands; Peel, of Arkansas, was first on Indian Affairs; Springer was first on Territories, of which he was chairman in the preceding Congress; Hemphill, of South Carolina, was first on District of

Columbia, and Montgomery, of Kentucky, who managed Judge Crisp's canvass with such ability, skill and success, was fifth on Postoffices and Postroads.

All these men, as well as others whose names have been omitted, doubtless feel that they have claims upon the Speaker which cannot fairly be disregarded or ignored. The scramble is to be a lively one, speaker Crisp will find use for all his powers of persuasion and diplomacy, and when he had done his best, a good many of the men who supported him, and a much larger number of these who supported Mills, will be disappointed. The difficulties of the situation are greatly increased, of course, by the unusually large number of Democratic claimants for places, the number of the committees may be enlarged to meet the emergency.

Carrying with them desirable quarters at the Capitol and the services of the higher-priced annual clerks, never fall to prove the subject of much rivalry and contention among the poorer placed Senators who aspire to them. The Republican list will be made up, however, without much difficulty, following the general principle of seniority of service. The nominating committee, in fact, hopes to complete its work by to-morrow or Thursday.

The Democratic Senators to-day re-elected Mr. Gorman, of Maryland, permanent chairman of the Democratic caucus, and Mr. Faulkner, of West Virginia, permanent secretary. The few vacant committee places on the minority side will be filled by a "stearing com-

A SUCCESSFUL SMOKELESS POWDER.

RESULTS OBTAINED FROM PROFESSOR MUNROE'S NEWPORT EXPERIMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 8 (Special).—Commodore W. M. Folger, the Naval Chief of Ordnance, has received an interesting report from Commander Jewell, the officer in charge of the torpedo station at Newport, R. I., where all the experiments in high explosives-powder. gun-cotton and torpedoes-are carried on. There ar sany valuable tests at the station during the year, but the results are not always made public until they are sustained by trials that approach more nearly the conditions of actual service than is possible at Newport. This is true especially of smokeless powder, in the manufacture of which both the Army and Navy are striving for more successful results than appear to have been produced by foreign services. It has been gen erally supposed in this country that the German and French were far in advance of the American services in knowledge of smokeless powder, and the ordnance officers in this country expected to learn a great deal from the confidential reports that find their way to the War and Navy Departments from European armies. Such samples of smokeless powder as have been sent Paddock, Frye and Sawyer, Acting Secretary Spaniding to America, however, show less perfect results that the domestic product.

In fact, so excellent have been the firing results with the powder made at Newport that the representatives of foreign services who are members of legations in this city have resorted to various means to secure samples of the powder developed by naval officers in this country. Commodore Folger is justly sanguine of the future of this powder, and said to The Tribune correspondent that he believed the use of gunpowder would be abandoned in a short time in guas of six-inch calibre and below, and that it would be replaced by some one of the numerous forms of so-

called smokeless powder.

The following are some of the firing results re cently obtained at Newport; One Fundred rounds were fired from a small arm of calibre .315, using a steelconted bullet of 216 grains and a charge of forty-two grains of smokeless powder. The mean muzzle velocity measured in fifty of these rounds was 2,260 fool seconds, and the mean chamber pressure measured in the other fifty rounds was fourteen tons. In the three-pounder rapid-firing gun a velocity of 2,250 foot seconds was given by a charge of 510 grains, with a chamber pressure of 14.8 tobs, and in the six-pounder

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Hale, a like reference was made of the papers in the of 2,040 foot seconds, with 14.5 tons pressure case of Mr. Claggett, claiming the sent of Mr. Dubois. The variations in velocity were exceedingly small, and the Senate then, at 12:30, took a recess till 2 p. m. in the observed pressures were not more than should.

Although the recess closed at 2 o'clock, nothing took be expected from the small-arm pressure gauge. In changes the character of the powder. The uniformity Mr. Sherman suggested another recess till 3 o'clock which is so valuable a feature of the domestic product

> The finished powder is described as a dense, hard manent under all circumstances, the materials used are carefully purified. The process of manufacture is treasured in the secret archives of the Naval Bureau of Ordnance. The good results obtained are mainly due to Professor C. E. Munroe, who conducted the experiments. The machinery used was devised at the Torpedo Station, and, with the exception of an in-corporating mill, is all novel. A grade of powder for the four and five inch guns has been manufactured and will be iried shortly.

SENATE ELECTION CONTESTS.

MESSES DUBOIS AND CALL SWORN IN-CASES TO

BE INVESTIGATED BY THE COMMITTEE. Washington, Dec. 8 (Special).-The Idaho and Florida election contests were practically settled tofay in the Senate-at least for some time to come-by the swearing in of Messrs. Dubols and Call. The laims of Messrs. Claggert and Davidson were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections for examination, with instructions to report upon them later in the session. It is extremely improbable, however, that either of the contestants will ever be able to make out a case strong enough to secure a favorable judgment by the Committee.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections is now charged with looking into the titles of three Sen-Call, Dubois and Chilton-and a question is likely to be raised against Mr. Brice, of Ohio, who is charged with not having been an inhabitant of that State at

WHY HOAR AND WILLIAMS DID NOT VOTE. THE MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATS COULD NOT SUPPORT A FREE-SILVER MAN.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- Sherman Hoar, of Ma setts, when asked why he did not vote for Speaker on mise to use his influence, if elected Speaker, agains the consideration of bad financial legislation and the extension of silver coinage. When Mr. Crisp became the candidate of the party I asked him to give me this promise, which he declined to do. Having gone into the cancus, I did not care to vote for any one else out its nominee, but I could not vote for him and keep my word. In my judgment, however, he will do exactly what he refused to promise to do."

Representative Williams, of Massachusetts, was also sked why he did not vote for Mr. Crisp. He said I did not vote on the roll-call for Speaker for the sole eason that I could not do so and keep faith with the people of Massachusetts. In the last campaign I took he position distinctly that I would not support any man for the Speakership who did not express himself

APPANGING SENATE COMMITTEES.

BASELESS STORY OF PRICTION AMONG THE RE PUBLICANS-THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Washington, Dec. 8 (Special) .- A story was put in irculation to day to the effect that the Republican Senators were having trouble over the appointment of committeemen to fill the various vacancies which have occurred since last session. Senator Sherman, the chairman of the caucus, selected a committee of nine to fix up a list of appointments, those on the list being Cullon, of Illinois; Mitchell, of Oregon; Hale, of Maine; Cameron, of Pennsylvania; Plumb, of Kamsas; Sawyer, of Wisconsin; Hawley, of Connecticut; Teller, of Colorado, and Carey, of Wyoming. It was said that the far Northwestern Senators were dissatisfied isiana, was first, and Catchings, of Mississippi, was that they had not a larger representation on the com mittee; but it turned out that they had simply asked for one appoinment, that of Senator Carey, and that

With Senators Sawyer, Cullom, Plumb, Carey, Teller of the West are likely to be carefully looked after. There is always a good deal of friction developed in any effort to rearrange the committees, for Senators are only human, and the more desirable chairmanships, carrying with them desirable quarters at the

cratic cancus, and Mr. Faulkner, of West Virginia, permanent secretary. The few vacant committee places on the minority side will be filled by a "steering committee," and the selections will be announced as soon as the much fuller Republican list is ready.

WORKING FOR WEST INDIAN RECIPROCITY. Washington, Dec. 8 .- The British Commission om the West Indies were in conference with Secretary Blaine for several hours to-day, with a view to the stablishment of reciprocal trade relations with the United States, Jamaica was represented by H. H. Hocking and C. F. Farquharson, and Barbadoes by Chandler and J. W. Grannam. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, and Sir Nevil Lubbock, who represents all the islands of the West Indies except Jamaica and Barbadoes, were also present. It is understood that considerable progress was finde toward an agreement for commercial was finde toward an agreement for comit reciprocity under the provisions of the tariff act.

THE PRESIDENT HAS A BUSY DAY.

Washington, Dec. 8 .- The President had a busy tin of it today. Callers were coming and going all the morning, and the pressure did not cease until the hour for the meeting of Congress. Among those who saw the President were Senators Dolph, Mitchell, Felton, Sanders, Cullom, Washburn, Teller, Jones (of Arkansas), Representatives Dalzell, Lind, Oates, Lodge and Walker

The Cabinet met at 11:30 o'clock as usual, but the ession was a short one. The State, War and Treasury Departments were not represented. Secretary Blaine was detailed at the State Department by a conference with the British Minister on West Indian recine with with the British Minister on West Indian reciprocity matters. Secretary Foster is ill and there is no Secre-tary of War.

KINGS COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

The Republican General Committee of Kings County held its December meeting last evening in the Criterion Theatre, Brooklyn, The proceedings were presided over by W. W. Goodrich. The meeting was nlivened by a discussion of the affairs of the Second Ward, but it was amicably conducted. The Executive committee's recommendation that the primaries for the election of new delogates be held on December 17, save in the Second Ward, in which the primary will be on the following evening under the supervision of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee, which supervised the new enrolment in the ward, was adopted and the places and hours of the primaries were fixed. Freasurer Berkett presented his financial report, showng receipts of \$4,300 15, disbursements of \$4,471 67. outstanding obligations of \$1,607 29, showing a deficit of #2,539 81.

Joseph Benjamin, of the Sixteenth Ward, offered resolutions in regard to reorganization of the party He proposed to wipe out the present Ward and Gen eral Committee organizations and substitute for them district organizations, the district organizations to elect one executive member of the Ward, and the executive member to represent the Ward or town in the County Committee, which should consist of one such executive member for each ward and town. The resolutions were laid on the table.

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A NEW COUNTY COMMITTEE

HARMONIOUS REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

IN ONLY ONE DISTRICT WAS THERE A CONTEST -A LIVELY TIME IN THE VILLTH.

The great interest evinced by the enrolled Re publicans of New-York City in their primaries vesterday, as shown by the large vote polled, in spite of the fact that few districts were contested, is the best possible evidence of the healthy condition of the Republican party in the metropolis. It is not made of the kind of stuff that quails or be come disheartened in the face of defeat. At every polling place there was a large turn-out of the best elements of the party, and the one object in view, apparently, was to place the organization of the various districts in the hands of men who by training and experience were fitted t direct the 100,000 Republicans of New-York in the path way of victory.

In most instances the elections were peaceful and harmonious. A few changes in leadership were made, and, judged from their character and spirit, the representative Republicans who have been chosen to sit in the County Committee thi year will not hesitate to make such changes among the county leaders as they believe will be best for the growth and strengthening, the prosperity and success of the organization. If they believe that the efficiency of the Executive Committee will be increased by placing a bold, skilful and aggressive leader at its head, so important a duty is not likely to be neglected.

Conspicuous among the most harmonious dis tricts this year all earnest Republicans will be pleased to note the "gallant XIIIth," herutofore distinguished for its quarrels. All discord there has been buried, and nearly 600 unscratched ballots were polled, with Henry L. Sprague for president of the regular association and ex-Senator Frederick S. Gibbs for executive member. The delegates to the county and district committees were made up equally from the Gibbs and Cowie parties. In the Ist District Michael W. Healy succeeds as leader John H. Grimes, who has removed from the city. Except in the VIIIth Dis trict the only semblance of a contest was in the XIVth, where Charles A. Conklin was elected a delegate to the County Committee by twenty seven majority over J. W. Reichert, who was on the regular ticket.

There was a spirited contest in the VIIIth District between Gustav A. Schurmann, the present leader, and the friends of John E. Brodsky. The result was favorable to the Brodsky side, headed by Theodore F. Kuhl, who believed that Mr. Brodsky and his adherents should be admitted to the organization without further delay Owing to the remarkable conduct of the police, which, as usual, were under Tammany influence, only 58 of the 250 persons on the rolls were permitted to vote. All went along peacefully until 4:15 p. m., when one A. P. Fursman, of No. 70 Essex-st., offered to vote. He was challenged on the ground that at the last election he had worked and voted for the Democratic ticket. He offered to swear in his vote, but the inspectors refused it. Police-Sergeant Creedan, in charge of the polls, suggested that he be allowed to swear in his vote and a charge could be made against Fursman and he would arrest him. This was not agreed to, and Fursman stood at the polls, impeding all further voting, until the hour for closing 9 p

When the polls closed, the list showed that fifty-eight had voted, but it was discovered that sixty-one had been cast. Three of these were thrown out. Of the fifty-eight ballots casts the Brodsky ticket received thirty-eight votes, and the Schurmann ticket twenty. The Brodsky ticket was declared elected. Brodsky said that his party had to contend against all the forces of Tammany Hall, who packed the line with Democrats, who, when their votes were challenged hurriedly got away. Rep resentatives of the Schurmann side deny having received Tammany assistance, although admitting that Alderman Smith and Assemblyman Wissig were personally friendly to them.

Following is a list of the officers of the district organization and the delegates to the County 'ommittee :

1st-President, Patrick J. Lyons; first vice-president William J. Chestnut; second vice-president, John F. Tobin; secretary, Archibald Hamilton; treasurer, Thoma McNamara; sergeant-at-arms, James Moore, jr. Delegates Martin H. Healey, John A. Moran, Henry Osborn, Peter onnell, William Grimes, Peter Ewald, James V. Byrnes atrick H. O Conner, Archibald Hamilton, James Fraser, Thomas Halpin, Hugo Pezoid, Peter Riely. IId-President, Philip VR. Van Wyck; first vice-presi

dent, Owen O'Connell; second vice-president, John F. Murphy; secretary, Francis McCrane; treasurer, Thoma-Murphy; secretary, Francis McCrane; treasurer, Thomas Stack; sergeantatarms, James Hines. Delegates, Denis Shea, Martin Kavenagh, Thomas F. Harrington, William H. Kilboy, Frederick Wimmer, jr., Daniel Isola, Stephen F. Deedy, Philip VR. Van Wyck, Daniel Valenti, Thomas Patrick Elliff, Francis McCrane, James P.

111d-President, Charles H. Murray; first vicespresident, James W. Hawes; second vice-president, Andrew J McGivney; secretary, Charles W. Wagner; treasurer James Brangan, sergeant-at-arms, John F. McPartiand Delegates, Charles H. Murray, Nicholas Fish, Thomas F Geary, James W. Hawes, Howell C. Rees, George W. Wagner, Edward T. Partlett, Hiram Merritt, James Brangan, Peter Tighe, Michael Weldon, William C. Church, Angelo Gallo, Joseph W. Jarvis, William Hartfield, Cephas Brainerd and William H. Rockwood.

IVth-President, John Collins; first vice-president Thomas J. Gilroy; second vice-president, William Sugar man; secretary, John J. Collins; treasurer, John Desmond sergeant-st-arms, Michael P. McCarthy. Delegates, John Collins, John Mullin, Patrick J. O'Brien, Martin N. O'Don William H. Townley, Joseph Hadfield, Alonzo Berry Michael Ilines, Frank Morrisov, Cyrus Allen, Thomas J. Gilroy, John F. McCarthy, Isaac Lightenberg, Sol. Isaacs Patrick J. Haylyrne, George W. Kram, M. D., James J. Hale, Ulie W. C. Burke, M. D.

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MR. VAN COTT AND THE CIRCULAR IGIS RESIGNATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN STATE

The Civil Service Reform Association has made public its correspondence with the Postoffice Departure. ment and with Postmaster Van Cott concerning the sending of a circular by the Republican State Con mittee to a Government employe. George William Curtis, president, and William Potts, secretary, of the association, wrote to Postmaster-General Water on October 29, suggesting that Postmastr Van Cott was morally vielating the law by being member of the committee. Mr. Wanamaker's answer is dated November 27, he having left Washington ea tion, which is referred to the Attorney-General. The Fostmaster-General's reply to Messrs. Curtis and

Potts says in part: Cott, and in due course had a reply from him, of

"That neither in that capacity (as a member of the New-York State Committee) nor otherwise have I joined is soliciting contributions for political purposes from Goren-ment employes"; and further, "I desire to say that if such circulars have been sent I had no part in their preparation or distribution (save officially if they were sen by post); have not seen any of them; have not authorized and would not have permitted the affixing of my name to any request of that description, and that I am informed that as a matter of fact the circulars in question did not bear my name as a signature or otherwise." eg only to add that I had an interview with Mr.

Van Cott when he was in Washington some weeks ago is reference to the contents of your letter, and that he the State Committee. By letter received from him today I learn that he has sent his resignation to the State Com-The officers of the association were not

with the Postmaster's course. They say that it was his duty, as soon as he learned of the existence of the circular, openly and publicly to repudiate the circular and to inform every officer and employe of the Postoffice that it was not approved by him. The reply to Mr. Wanamaker closes as follows: But we are sure that you will agree with our opinion

tion demonstrate that so long as the heads of the great public offices may be also members of committees which solicit contributions for political purposes, the evasion of soiled contributions for political purposes, the evasion of law will be easy and unavordable and that the prohibition of such membership to public officers and the retirement of such officers from committees of which they are now members will greatly promote the hourst observance of the law and the self-respect and character of the public service.

TO BEGIN MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS. Hudson, Dec. 8 (Special)—The Republican State Committee has instructed counsel to begin at once mandamus proceedings against the Board of County Canvassers of this county compelling them to reconven for the purpose of correcting the errors which they made in the recent canvass, and also to test the validity of the market ballots from the town of Ancram. The only reason why these proceedings have not been instituted sooner is that counsel has been engaged on the cases which were of viral importance in other benate districts as well as in Dutchess County.

CITY ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS Boston, Dec. 8.—There were municipal elections in twelve cities of the State to-day, but returns are slow in coming and it seems probable that results in many places will not be known before to-morrow morning.

In Gloncester, Mayor Asa G. Andrews (Rep.) was In Gloucester, Mayor Asa G. Andrews (Rep.) was re-elected by 985 majority over Watson (Dem.) The city government is strongly Republican. The licens vote stands: Yes, 707; No, 700, with two wards to lear from that will protably vote for license. In Fall River, Mayor John W. Coughlin (Dem.) was re-elected by 927 votes over Abbott (Rep.) The Aldermen elected are four Democrats and five Republicans, while the Council stands twelve Democrats and fifted Republicans. The city voted for license by 713 majority.

REPUBLICANS WIN IN KEENE, N. H. Keene, N. H., Dec. S.—Frederick A. Faulkner (Rep.), was elected Mayor to-day by a vote of 027 to 320 for Wright (Dem.). Three of the five Aldermen and twelve of the fifteen Councilmen are Republicans.

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